(b) whether Government propose to double the rail line between Bina and Ashok Nagar; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The passengers do not have to wait inordinately at Bina station due to single rail line between Bina and Ashok Nagar as a large number of train connections are available.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

Policy for stoppage of Rajdhani Express

†2848. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy for stoppage of Rajdhani Express has been formulated;

(b) whether there is any policy to make only one stoppage in each State;

(c) the reasons for not providing stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Gwalior; and

(d) whether any demand has been received for making stoppage of these trains at Gwalior; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Stoppage of Rajdhani Express is provided after taking into account the need for preserving the suarudistinctive and exclusive character of Rajdhani Express trains, the quantum as well as the pattern of traffic obtaining at the station, availability of suitable alternative services catering to the traffic demand of the station and other operational and commercial considerations.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Some representations regarding stoppage of 2429/2430 Bangalore-Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express and 2433/2434 Chennai-Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express at Gwalior have been received and examined but not found implementable at present for lack of commercial and operational feasibility as also to retain the exclusive character of these Rajdhani Express trains.

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